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Applicant: Bernhard WIRNITZER et al.

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ENCODING AND DECODING OF
DATA THAT ARE PRINTED IN
DATA TAPES

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Sir:

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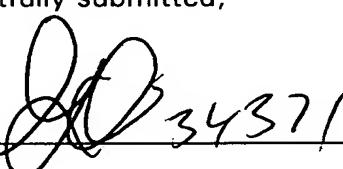
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